# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF DRUGS
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Delhi is becoming a transit route for the international drug syndicates through drug peddlers for drugs smuggled from Afghanistan and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reasons attributed for failure of the measures taken so far to check the growing illegal drug trade; and

(c) the action has been taken by the Government to strengthen the machinery and to identify city`s drug peddlers and agents for the international drug syndicates to effectively deal with the problem?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE ( SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN )

(a)&(b):The proximity to the international border and good air linkage with other countries make Delhi vulnerable to drug trafficking from Afghanistan and Pakistan. All efforts are being taken by the agencies to check illegal drug trafficking in the country.

(c)Drug operators engaged in drug trafficking activities are identified regularly by various drug enforcement agencies and their activities are closely monitored and the drug offenders are apprehended under the NDPS Act.Besides this the Government has also taken a number of significant steps to prevent and put effective checks on drug trafficking. These include instructions to all drug enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts, training of officers, fencing of Indo-Pak border, providing with flood lighting, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act, quarterly coordination meetings by NCB and holding of quarterly border meetings of Indian and Pakistani anti-narcotics agencies as a part of the border meetings of BSF and Pak rangers.